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Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:

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***AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGALIZATION, TAXATION AND
REGULATION OF THE RETAIL SALE AND USE OF MARIJUANA.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That titles 12, 14 and 21a of the general statutes be amended to: (1)
- 2 Permit the retail sale of marijuana; (2) provide that revenue generated
- 3 from taxation on such sale go to the General Fund, except that some
- 4 shall go to (A) drug awareness education and efforts to curb abuse of
- 5 opiates, alcohol and other harmful substances, (B) ensure the
- 6 marijuana is tested for illicit substances and potency, and (C) study the
- 7 impact of marijuana legalization and consumption; (3) require the
- 8 Department of Consumer Protection to provide oversight and
- 9 regulations, unless there is a specific provision for another agency to
- 10 adopt certain regulations; (4) require all marijuana of a certain potency
- 11 be labeled as such and that such marijuana be packaged in a child-safe
- 12 manner; (5) provide that medical marijuana dispensaries have initial
- 13 access to recreational licensing; (6) require roadside testing for
- 14 impaired drivers and that driving under the influence laws apply

15 when marijuana has been consumed in the previous two hours; (7)
16 provide for separate statutory schemes for medical and recreational
17 use of marijuana; (8) ensure current legal status concerning growth for
18 personal use; (9) ensure that medical marijuana not be subject to a
19 retail sales tax; (10) require that consumers transport marijuana in a
20 sealed container; and (11) ban public consumption of marijuana.

Statement of Purpose:

To legalize and regulate the retail sale of marijuana in order to raise revenue for the General Fund.